GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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NON STOP FLIGHTS OF AI
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Air India (AI) proposes to start more non-stop flights to U.S., Canada, Australia and more destinations in the SAARC and other regions;

(b) if so, the details thereof, region-wise; and

(c) the time by which the said services are likely to be started?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a),(b) and (c): Air India has started daily non-stop flights on the Mumbai-New York sector this year. It plans to operate non-stop flights between Delhi-New York sector in early 2008. Further, regular market studies are conducted to explore the possibility of introducing services to new destinations, and a decision on introducing non-stop services is taken based on the availability of aircraft capacity and commercial viability of such service.